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USU falls short in RecycleMania contest

► **By Manda Perkins**
staff writer

USU did not do as well in the 2014 RecycleMania tournament against colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada as it did last year. USU students and faculty recycled 41,372 pounds of paper, 40,146 pounds of cardboard and 19,471 pounds of containers during the tournament. This year, 461 institutions of higher education participated in the eight-week tournament, beginning in February. In the per capita classic category, USU ranked 245, recycling 4.311 pounds per capita. Brigham Young University came in 221st place with 5.591 pounds per capita and

the University of Utah took 317th place with 1.21 pounds per capita. According to Alexi Lamm, the university's Sustainability Coordinator, USU ranked 290 out of 360 universities in 2013, with 4.778 pounds recycled per person. It also recorded a 27 percent diversion rate, meaning 27 percent of total waste generated on campus was kept out of a landfill by recycling. After look at the totals for this year, Lamm said USU did not reach that mark. "The USU community has the potential to waste less and recycle more," said Lamm in an email to The Utah Statesman. "Up to 50 percent of the contents of trash bins is recyclable based on our waste audits, so recycling is a small thing with a significant impact. If people will think about it throughout the year, we'll be moving up (the) RecycleMania leaderboard

next year." Although USU didn't rank as highly this year, Sara Simmons, a junior majoring in environmental studies who interns for the Sustainability Council, said the success was in the increased student awareness. The competition's finale event, a showcase of thrifted and hand-me-down clothing on the TSC Patio, drew more of a crowd than she had anticipated. "We were promoting secondhand clothes because it adverts waste in the landfills," Simmons said. "There were a lot of people on campus who were excited to have secondhand clothes and were letting us take pictures of them." ►See **MANIA**, Page 2

Soda pop makes a fashion debut



DESIGNER ELLIE TUCKER models her dress, "Metallina," which won Best in Show at the recycled fashion show in the Evan N. Stevenson Ballroom in the TSC on Monday night. The dress, which includes bottle caps and soda can tabs, took 64 hours to make.

Ryan Costanzo photo

Locals participate in Ordain Women event at General Conference

► **By Morgan Pratt**
staff writer

The Ordain Women organization met Saturday to ask for standby tickets to get into the priesthood session of the 184th semiannual General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including residents from Cache Valley. Ordain Women is an organization seeking to have women ordained in the Mormon priesthood. According to the LDS church, the priesthood is God's power given to men. Some women are attempting to change that and open up the opportunity for women to be ordained. Only men are allowed to attend the priesthood session, which is held on Saturday night during the weekend conferences. Ordain Women members stood in line last October for tickets and were refused as well.

The movement Debra Jensen, a member of the Ordain Women executive board and a professor of public relations at USU, said 510 people met to ask for tickets to the priesthood session. According to the OW website, it is estimated 75 percent of the group's attendance is active members of the LDS church. Some of the participants for Saturday's event traveled from places like Washington, Oregon, New York, Massachusetts and Mexico. Jensen said the first and foremost goal of the group is to ordain women. "The goal of Ordain Women the organization is to get women ordained to the priesthood. We are very clear about

that in all of our actions," Jensen said. "We are clear about that on our website." She said there is a misconception that the Ordain Women movement equals Mormon feminism. Jensen said she thought of the idea of ordaining women when she came to the LDS church when she was 12 years old. She became an active member of the church regardless. "It has been a source of pain and confusion for me since that time," Jensen said. "I have prayed about it and lived with it and prayed about it. When I saw this group, it was the answer to many prayers for me." She said she there is a common belief within the LDS church that justifies allowing the men to have the priesthood by putting women on a pedestal. "The rhetoric that we use in the church to explain why boys and men need the priesthood talks about them as less spiritual or less willing to do their part in the church," Jensen said. "I find that bothersome. I find my son as spiritual and as dedicated to his faith as any women I know." Aaron Boman, a former Mormon, said he went to the event to inspire his LDS family to join the movement. "I am here because I believe in equality," Boman said. "I talk to some members in my family and they say they don't feel unequal, but as they say, 'Equality is not a feeling. You either are or you are not.'" He said he does not believe in what he calls the gender inequality established by the church. Some women are meant

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What do you think of Ordain Women? Tell us at utahstatesman.com

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Alumna makes groundbreaking dinosaur research discovery

► **By Brad Robinson**
staff writer

A leading paleontologist and USU graduate returned to her alma mater to present some of her important discoveries about dinosaurs on Friday in a speech hosted by the biology, chemistry and geology departments at USU. She detailed the research process that led her team to their surprising results. While analyzing bones from a Tyrannosaurus rex, Mary Schweitzer and her team at North Carolina University were surprised to discover soft tissue of dinosaurs after dissolving away the bone's minerals. The 68-million-year-old dinosaur tissue, after being placed in a solution, became flexible and began to show biological features that had previously not been seen in such ancient fossils, which she said was not supposed to happen. Dissolving bone minerals was a technique Schweitzer adapted from researchers who study birds because

dinosaur bones share many features. "In order to study medullary bone in modern birds, most scientists will remove the mineral, which leaves behind the organic component and the osteoblasts here, because the mineral gets in the way of analyzing medullary bone," she said. However, Schweitzer says analyzing dinosaur bones this way was something researchers had not done because they believed the technique would be useless. "If you're dealing with a fossil, conventional wisdom states that over the course of geologic time, all of the organics are removed," she said. "All you have is this mineral, or the shell, of a dinosaur. So if you dissolve it, you have nothing left. Who

goes around and dissolves dinosaur bone? That would be me." Despite the surprise at finding biological materials that resembled bone and blood vessel structures, Schweitzer waited to publish the results. "Most of this data I found about two years before I tried to publish it, because I was scared to death," she said. When she did publish her results, she said she was met with skepticism within the scientific community. Other researchers were skeptical that she found osteocytes, important cells in bones, and believed they could be less-ancient microbial films. Schweitzer argues, however, the cells have characteristics that microbial films do not share. Lance Seefeldt, a USU professor of biochemistry, said the skepticism she

faced is an important part of science. "I think there's some skepticism, and that's good. That's what we want in science. We want people to be skeptical. That's how we push forward the frontier and understand the truth," Seefeldt said. "She's doing what she is supposed to be doing; coming out and telling what her evidence is, and scientists are thinking about it and challenging it." Schweitzer says one reason other researchers have not conducted similar studies is the need to work with other academic disciplines. "The problem with what I do is that people who go into paleontology do it because they don't like to do lab work," Schweitzer said. "They love to be outside, so the questions they ask are questions they can do on that basis. The people who have the really good fossils don't know about the molecular stuff, and the people who know the molecular stuff don't generally have access to the fossils."

Mary Schweitzer
Paleontologist

"Dinosaurs are a gateway drug to a higher science."



Kylee Larsen photo

PALEONTOLOGIST AND USU ALUMNA MARY SCHWEITZER talks about her research on dinosaurs at Science Unwrapped on Friday.

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In brief

Campus & Community

Search for missing Grand County chopper finished

Grand County search crews found a helicopter Monday after it went missing over the weekend.

Assisted by Utah Department of Public Safety aircraft, search efforts in the area of Moab began about 8 p.m. Sunday after the helicopter was reported overdue. There were two male passengers, pilot Robin Venuti Albert Rubio, a passenger.

They took off 11:15 a.m. Sunday from Green River as part of an expedition seeking shed elk antlers.

BLM, rancher battle over land, seized cattle

A turf battle between the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and a rancher in southern Nevada has led to the confiscation of several cattle apparently grazing on public land.

The agency started taking cattle Saturday from Cliven Bundy, who it says has been trespassing on U.S. land without required grazing permits for more than 25 years. Bundy doesn't recognize federal authority on land he insists belongs to Nevada.

"These people are thieves," Bundy said. "I haven't even started fighting yet. You think I'm going to lay down and just give up. I'm going to fight for the Constitution and state sovereignty."

BLM spokeswoman Kirsten Cannon said her agency was implementing two federal court orders to remove Bundy's cattle after making repeated efforts to resolve the matter outside court. Plans call for the removal of some 900 trespassing cattle from 1,200 square miles of land in southern Nevada managed by her agency and the National Park Service over the next three to four weeks, she said.

► Compiled from staff and media reports

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Mania

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Lamm said students were more in-the-know this time around.

"I feel like we had a lot more student awareness than we have had in the past, and that's mostly through the bin painting event and through the thrifted and vintage clothes event," she said. "I think more people were aware that it was going on, even though our numbers haven't particularly changed."

Students for Sustainability hosted an Instagram contest. Participants had the weekly chance to win prizes by snapping a photo of themselves or their friends in the act of recycling, using the hashtag #USUdontbetrashy. There were seven entries using the correct hashtag.

Robert Davies, an associate of the Utah Climate Center and adjunct professor at USU, said even with the amount of time he spends on campus and the particular attention he pays to his recycling habits, he wasn't aware the competition was taking place. He said this is a reflection of not only a lack of education about recycling, but a culture of recycling on campus.

"We're just not putting much effort into doing it well," Davies said. "My impression, just by existing on this campus, working on this campus and spending a great deal of time here, is that we've gone about it halfheartedly. I think if you really want to do it, you have to create a culture of recycling. And to do that, there's got to be a lot of education. It's got to be pushed in all kinds of venues."

For a system to work, Davies said, it needs to be uniform throughout the campus. He cited the different bin styles and unclear signage in various locations of the university that make the current system potentially confusing and unnoticeable.

"If you want a successful program, you don't want people to have to work to understand how to do it," he said. "And right now, you really got to work to understand ... It looks to me like we've kind of half-heartedly put the infrastructure in place and put no effort into helping people do it in a way that's convenient."

Simmons said more steps need to be taken to educate students on how and what to recycle.

"The biggest problem that I've seen so far with USU's recycling is probably on the education side, as in not know-



Nick Carpenter photo

RECYCLEMANIA is an intercollegiate recycling competition that includes institutions of higher education in the U.S. and Canada.

ing exactly what to put in the bins and what not to, and contamination problems," she said. "I think the education outreach part is really important for recycling in particular because people just don't know ... It's not difficult. It's easy, and it's a good way to make a difference."

Nathan Schwartz, USU's recycling coordinator, said RecycleMania works as a way to raise awareness of the campus recycling center and of the materi-

als accepted, which include metal cans, glass, cardboard, white and mixed paper and some plastics.

"Considering other universities of our size, from looking around and what I've seen out there, we do really well as a university," Schwartz said. "We're pretty proactive, and we recycle quite a bit. There's still room for improvement, and that's what we're working on."

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The Police Blotter

Friday, March 28

- USU Police responded to a call where it looked like an individual was taking a parking ticket off one car and putting it on another. They learned the ticket was on the correct vehicle.
- USU Police responded to the Aggie Terrace because a suspicious haze filled the first, second and third floors. The cause is still unknown.

Saturday, March 29

- USU Police assisted Logan City Police on a trespassing call at Darwin Avenue and 700 North. Two individuals were seen on the property of the construction site. Police failed to locate the suspected individuals.

Sunday, March 30

- USU Police responded to the intersection of

700 North and 800 East because three individuals were yelling and throwing objects. They were found walking north at 810 N. 800 East. All had consumed alcohol and one individual was under 21 and cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

- USU Police assisted Logan City Police in clearing and searching Kelly's Foothill Mart after a window was broken in an attempted burglary.

Monday, March 31

- USU Police responded to the Emma Eccles Jones Education Building because an elevator was emitting a suspicious smell. Facilities was called to investigate the problem.

Tuesday, April 1

- USU Police caught a dog running loose on campus and released it for impound to the ani-

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mal control unit for Logan City Police.

- USU Police assisted Logan City Police in a traffic accident involving an individual wanted for theft. The suspect ran after causing the accident. Officers remained to preserve evidence and ensure safety.

- USU Police responded to the engineering building on a medical assist. A student was having an episode and was transported to Logan Regional Hospital.

Wednesday, April 2

- USU Police are investigating a fraudulent check. The complainant informed officers the suspect sent a bad check for private tutor lessons.

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Alumnus touts benefits of liberal arts

Todd Jorgensen wraps up CHaSS Week with speech about a liberal arts education

► **By Connor Comeau**
staff writer

Students, faculty and staff got to hear from Utah State alumnus Todd Jorgensen on Friday about what one can do with a liberal arts education.

Jorgensen is the team periodontist for the NBA's Phoenix Suns and operates his own dental practice. He was at USU to speak about some of the common misconceptions of having a liberal arts degree and what those who have one can do with it.

"Having a liberal arts degree allows students a basis for continual learning," Jorgensen said. "It gives students the opportunity to take a variety of classes."

Jorgensen said a person with a liberal arts degree will work an average of 15 to 20 jobs in their lifetime. He gave tips on how people with this degree can get a job and keep it longer.

"One of the biggest things is you have to

have a unique skill set that employers can utilize," Jorgensen said. "It's also very important that people can recognize opportunities out there and prepare for them."

Justin Miller, a sophomore majoring in political science, said it was amazing to have somebody like Jorgensen come and speak at USU.

"I thought he was very charismatic throughout his whole talk," Miller said. "Most of the things he talked about I found to be very informative and interesting."

Matthew Anderson, USU/SA senator for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, said to have somebody of this importance come and speak at USU is a big boost for both CHaSS and the university itself.

"We were very privileged to have Dr. Jorgensen come and speak," Anderson said. "He really had a lot of experiences to share with students. He again demonstrated why a liberal arts degree is a worthwhile endeavor."

During his talk, Jorgensen talked about four main advantages to having a liberal arts degree: It allows for more personalized learning; students are less likely to fall through the cracks; high admission rates to graduate and professional schools; and to have great opportunities to stand out.

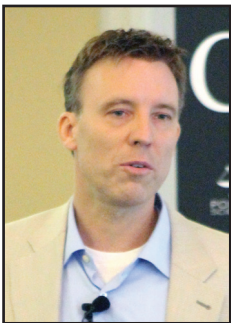
"Being able to draw on one's own education is much more practical and precious," Jorgensen said.

With the completion of CHaSS Week, which highlights the departments in the college, Anderson said the talk is one of the many things that makes the college unique.

"I think it is the diversity of our majors that makes CHaSS unique," Anderson said. "We have a wide variety of departments that offer a wide range of subjects."

Being a political science major himself, Miller said the talk has helped him solidify his major and career path.

"A lot of the information that was given today was contrary to what I believed," Miller



JORGENSEN

said. "It makes me a lot more confident in my decision to get involved in international relations."

In addition to talking about the career advantages of having a liberal arts degree, Jorgensen also talked about the ways it can help in life as well.

"Having a liberal arts degree can help teach you to have strength of mind, which can help throughout your life," Jorgensen said.

Jorgensen said it may tough to find a job at first, but it's important to not let the small things in life derail somebody.

"The world today is a lot different than it was 20 years ago," Jorgensen said. "Life moves very fast, so it's important to take advantage and to be grateful for what we have."

Before the end of his talk, Jorgensen gave one last quote.

"College is something you complete, but life is something you experience," Jorgensen said.

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Ordain

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to go to work and some men are meant to stay home with the kids, he said.

"People do not fit into boxes, and the LDS church tries to put them all in the same box," Boman said.

Zan Burningham, an art teacher from Sky View High School, said she believes modern women should get the priesthood because some women were ordained in Joseph Smith's time.

"Who has more righteous mojo, President Monson or Joseph Smith?" Burningham said.

A song and a prayer

The event began with a devotional including a hymn and a prayer. The women sang "Come, Come Ye Saints" in City Creek Park across the street from Temple Square.

"Do this and joy, your hearts will swell, all is well, all is well," the group of women, men and

Kate Kelley
Mormon feminist

"I have no right to remain silent, because I love this church."

children sang.

Kate Kelley, the founder of the organization, gave a talk through tears.

"I have no right to remain silent, because I love this church," she said.

After accounts regarding women and the priesthood were shared, the group then moved toward Temple Square as hail and freezing rain entrenched the

group.

The group had to walk past a handful of street preachers, who yelled insults at the people passing by.

"You need to submit to your husband," one said.

"You need to go back to the kitchen, except you, you are a little fat," another said.

The group made it to Temple Square, where they lined up three-quarters of the way around the Tabernacle.

They took turns one-by-one to ask for tickets to attend the priesthood session. In all, it took about two-and-a-half hours for everyone to get through the line.

"I am an atheist ex-Mormon. Can I have a ticket to the session?" Boman asked in a video he recorded while in line and later sent to The Utah Statesman.

"Yes," said Kim Farah, one of the church's representatives.

"But women who pay money to the church cannot go in?" Boman said.

"As you know, the women had their session last week, and the men are having their session now," Farah said. "You can listen to it, or you can stream it online."

Each in turn was turned down, some with tears in their eyes.

Reactions

In the aftermath of the Ordain Women movement, the LDS church released a statement regarding the behavior of the participants.

"Despite polite and respectful requests from church leaders not to make Temple Square a place of protest, a mixed group of men and women ignored

Cody Craynor
LDS spokesman

"Despite polite and respectful requests... a mixed group of men and women ignored that request and staged a demonstration..."

that request and staged a demonstration outside the Tabernacle on General Conference week-end, refusing to accept ushers' directions and refusing to leave when asked," said Cody Craynor, a church spokesperson.

Jenson said she is disappointed because that does not resemble anything she saw or heard from the attendees.

She said she herself got a very different reaction from Farah, the LDS spokesperson.

"She met and spoke with 510 people individually," Jenson said. "When an usher asked her if she wanted to stop, she said 'No.' She wanted to hear from everyone of us."

Jenson said she was the last person in line to ask for tickets.

"She assured me that I was welcome and that she wanted to hear what I wanted to say," Jenson said.

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Dinosaur

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In order to conduct research like what she has done, researchers have to get the "ivory tower barriers" and collaborate with many different specialties.

Since her discovery, Schweitzer and her team have published more

than 18 papers in major scientific journals such as Science and PLOS ONE.

Seefeldt said her research is well-known in the scientific community.

"As most professors, you follow the high level of biochemistry things happening in the world, and her work is among the most exciting out there," Seefeldt said.

While her research might

seem unrelated to everyday life, Schweitzer believes her investigations can bring new insights into human diseases and technological innovations.

"Give me a problem, and I'll find a dinosaur solution," she said.

She said dinosaurs are a way to get children and teenagers interested in science.

"Dinosaurs are a gateway drug to higher science," she said.

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Humans of USU: Zackary Gregory and Tyler Bingham



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USU STUDENTS ZACKARY GREGORY AND TYLER BINGHAM CELEBRATE BINGHAM'S BIRTHDAY IN THE SUNSHINE on Monday. The two ride around campus on a tandem bike (left) and demonstrate a dance move they call the "human necklace" (above).

Two students show off dance moves, share their passion for bike riding and being outdoors

The Utah Statesman interviewed Zackary Gregory, a sophomore majoring in philosophy, and Tyler "The Birthday Boy" Bingham, a freshman majoring in art. Bingham turned 22 yesterday.

Utah Statesman: Are you riding this bike to celebrate your birthday?

Tyler Bingham: Yes and no. We actually became tight friends on this bike, so we're just reincarnating this. We didn't really know each other but we were like, "Hey, let's go get a tandem for free," so we did.

US: If you had to eat just one thing for the rest of your life, what would you eat and why?

Zackary Gregory: Generally sandwiches, and then I can make whatever I want. Would that work? Like, versatile. You could have a reuben one day, turkey on another day.

TB: Can I just say Asian food as a whole?

US: Do you have any hidden talents?

ZG: We're pretty good dancers.

TB: Yeah, way good dancers. We can do a move

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Neutral Milk Hotel in SLC: They still got it

'90s indie rock legend Neutral Milk Hotel hit up Salt Lake City as part of their first tour in nearly 15 years last week. And might I add, it was freaking awesome.

Here's a brief history lesson: Neutral Milk Hotel hasn't recorded anything since 1998. They made some excellent lo-fi music throughout the 1990s. Their 1998 album "In the Aeroplane Over the Sea" has been hailed by many critics, myself included, as a classic. All of their songs are written by singer/guitarist Jeff Mangum and most songs incorporate WWI-era Europe-

Scott E Hall



Concert Critic

5/5 stars

an instrumentation. The band's lyrical themes are mystical and memorable. Although it broke up over a decade ago, this Georgia-based band has developed a cult following that has only grown for all these years. I am honored to have attended their concert at The Depot in SLC last week.

No photos were allowed at the show, at the band's request. I'll have to take you there with words. Mangum stood onstage in a ball cap and an ugly brown sweater that he probably picked up at a thrift shop. His

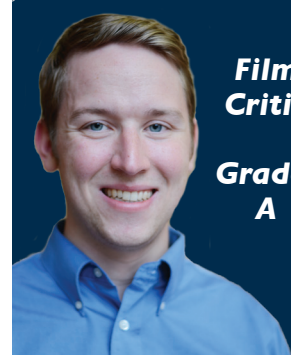
facial hair was a cross between a "Duck Dynasty" character and an unhygienic mountain hermit. Horns player Scott Spillane had a white Santa Claus beard — as well as a Santa Claus body type — and the energy of a kindergartner. Multi-instrumentalist Julian Koster looked like an overly pale, skinny teenager wearing an embarrassing stocking cap. Judging solely on their appearance, I was convinced the band members were poorer than the audience members.

They played a 19-song set, covering over half the songs they've ever recorded and turning the concert into a 90-minute singalong show for the audience. One does not simply "like" Neutral Milk Hotel. You love them or hate them. I was singing

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Captain America receives 'Marvel'ous review

Spencer Palmer



Film Critic

Grade: A

Captain America (Chris Evans), Natasha Romanoff, aka Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson) and a team of operatives complete a S.H.I.E.L.D. mission, acquiring mysterious but valuable encrypted data. Rogers confronts Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) about secrets and the true goals of S.H.I.E.L.D. Fury shows Rogers some of the secrets, which raises more tough questions.

A short time later Fury is ambushed by a large group of men, including a strange masked man with a met

How many lives does the Cap have? He's probably used up at least nine of them by now.

After Steve Rogers, aka

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Neutral

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“Two-Headed Boy” at the top of my lungs and decided not to sing the last verse, savoring the goosebump moment of hearing it come from Mangum himself. I was close to tears as he played “Two-Headed Boy Pt. 2” and I realized the show was going to end soon. Considering my friends and I were 10 feet away from Mangum for the entire show, this was a magical experience.

Part of Neutral’s genius is the mysterious noises in their songs. As I witnessed with my own eyes, these noises are apparently made by Koster playing a banjo with a violin bow and sometimes playing this crazy instrument called a singing saw. I believe there was also a point in the show where he was clanking a bell with a frying pan lid. The horns section added onto the awesomeness and obscurity of the show. I never knew was there such thing as an electric saxophone, but it’s cool and it sounds like a bagpipe. The moment I first heard Spillane’s flugelhorn after “King of Carrot Flowers,” I knew it was going to be a great night.

I’m sure the audience didn’t mind when my friends and I swayed back-in-forth, shoulder-to-shoulder to “In the Aeroplane Over the Sea,” although the chick standing next to me wouldn’t join us. I’m sure the audi-

ence didn’t mind me singing the totally incorrect lyrics to “Song Against Sex” and impersonating the trombone part at maximum volume. I’m sure the audience didn’t mind me requesting the band to play “Where You’ll Find Me Now,” which I knew they wouldn’t play but was worth yelling over. The audience didn’t mind because this was a concert, and everyone’s allowed to act stupid.

Neutral Milk Hotel is an important, influential, unexplainable piece of music history that cannot be compared to other bands. I can’t say they stand supreme, but they definitely stand alone. Mangum’s voice is the voice of a man without a stomach. The guitars are distorted and droning. The horns are celebratory. The rhythms range from punk rock to military marches. The lyrics tell fascinating stories. Collectively, it’s a band making the most awkwardly beautiful music its budget can allow, capturing the most awkward and melancholia moments of adolescence. After years apart from each other, it’s amazing to see that they’ve still got it. It was an excellent performance. I recorded them playing “Holland, 1945” to preserve the memory. I left the concert impressed by the band and feeling emotionally complete.

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Captain

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al arm. Later that evening Rogers has a run in with the same masked man, someone who’s so fast and strong that he catches Roger’s shield in flight.

The next day, Rogers debriefs with Alexander Pierce (Robert Redford), the head of the World Security Council and friend of Fury. He also starts to befriend a brother in arms, so to speak, in Sam Wilson (Anthony Mackie).

With the world getting larger and more people added to Roger’s world, the question he has to ask is, “Who

do you trust after you were told not to trust anyone?”

“Captain America: The Winter Soldier” is a great movie, another masterpiece to add to the Marvel collection. There are old and new heroes, enemies, allies and technology with a few large surprises along the way.

This isn’t a straight-up action movie. There’s plenty of plot-building and conversation to continue to balance the action and build the story and the universe. The film was fun and full of humor without becoming a comedy. However, when the action got heated, I couldn’t help but ask, “Where is Iron Man?”

I haven’t read the comic

books and haven’t watched any episodes of “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.,” so I don’t know if there was anything that carried over into this movie.

The movie holds many lessons for life and for Rogers. No matter how many secrets exist, the past will always come back, and there’s plenty of discovery to be made about the past of Rogers, S.H.I.E.L.D. and Fury. There’s always something bigger going on, and sometimes it gets complicated, which is one of the reasons this movie is so awesome. The Marvel Universe is marvelously expanded, if you’ll excuse the pun.

I definitely recommend “Captain America: The Winter Soldier.” It’s one of the best Marvel movies to date.

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USU STUDENTS SURROUND A PUPPY at a booth for Golden Key International Honor Society on the Quad. Golden Key rented puppies for students to pet Monday while they learned more about the group and scholarships they offer. Puppies for Rent is a company through which people can rent and eventually adopt puppies.

► **By Hillary Newton**
staff writer

Flying kites, playing in the park, having a picnic, going to the dam or hiking in Logan Canyon are various springtime activities in the Cache Valley. Some would argue that nothing beats the spring sunshine and the freedom found in the outdoors after a long, cold winter in Logan, but imagine doing all these activities with a puppy.

Although some may live in an apartment with a no-pets policy or might not have enough time to care for an animal, the company Puppies for Rent gives people the enjoyment of a puppy’s company without the full commitment.

According to puppiesforrent.com, the ultimate goal of Pup-

pies for Rent is adoption. People contemplating dog adoption can rent a puppy for up to four hours. Puppies can be adopted after they are rented out.

“I love seeing people’s faces when they see the puppies. My favorite is when a family falls in love with a puppy, adopts it and makes it part of their family,” said Lane Lawrence, general manager of Puppies for Rent.

Jenna Miller, the company owner, had the idea when

a friend purchased a puppy. Miller paid to spend time with the dog and thought she probably wasn’t the only person who wanted to spend time with animals without owning them. The idea grew, and Puppies for Rent LLC was born.

For more than a year-and-a-half, puppies have been rented and adopted in Utah County through Puppies for Rent. Since January

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2014, puppies have been available in Logan. Dogs are often donated and then adopted within one to six weeks.

The dogs that are rented out are clean, fed and up-to-date on all vaccinations. Adopting is inexpensive because the money used to rent is deducted from the final payment of purchasing a dog.

Renting a puppy is an activity available for families with children, a date or even a person living alone.

Caitlin Moulton, a senior majoring in photography, said she decided to rent a puppy one weekend when all her roommates left.

“My overall experience was good,” Moulton said. “I took the puppy to the park because it was a nice day. He really enjoyed chewing on things more than running around, but he was adorable.”

Moulton said although it was enjoyable to have the puppy around, it was a lot of work. With classes, work or a social life, caring for an animal is a big responsibility. She said being able to have a pet for a few hours is a great option for college students.

However, not all students have an interest in this activity. Danielle Burt, a junior majoring in communication studies, has never rented a dog and said she has no desire to do so.

“I wouldn’t ever rent one because I don’t like dogs, but I definitely think it’s an interesting concept,” Burt said.

For those interested in knowing more, adoption stories and photos can be seen on the blog, Instagram account or Facebook page or by visiting www.puppiesforrent.com for information on renting, adoption or dog tips.

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Humans

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right now if you want. We can do a “human necklace” right now. We have combo moves.

US: If you could describe yourself in one word, what would that be?

ZG: “Cha-plow.”

TB: Mine’s “bitchin’.”

US: What is your guilty pleasure?

TB: Dancing for sure. It’s like, intoxicating.

ZG: Let’s go with that. I also like soda pop. I like orange soda. It’s kind of childish.

US: What gives you hope?

ZG: People.

TB: I also find a lot of fortunes on the ground and I count them as my real fortunes, so I keep them all. So that gives me hope. **ZG:** And bikes.

US: How do you avoid procrastination?

TB: I don’t. Last minute. I was up until 1:30 a.m. last night, probably, working on my art assignment that was due today at 8 a.m.

ZG: I don’t know, I just do it. I guess I’m motivated to get my work done so I can play.

TB: I just play.

US: What is the best remedy for spring fever?

TB: Ride a bike. Just ride a bike.



Mikayla Kapp photos

FRESHMAN TYLER BINGHAM (TOP) AND SOPHOMORE ZACKARY GREGORY (LEFT) receive hope through people, bikes and finding fortunes on the ground.

ZG: If you spend all the time you can outdoors when you’re not class, it makes it a lot easier to stay in class. Just abandon your house and just live on the Quad.

US: What has been your biggest personal achievement?

ZG: I’ve been running little underground bike races in Logan this year, and I think it’s been really, really great to promote cycling. It’s been really fun. The bike shops give us prizes and stuff ... A lot of work goes into them and people enjoy them, so it’s something that I really like.

TB: I’m trying to focus now more on, instead of saying I’m going to do stuff and never doing it, into I’m actually going to do it now. That’s going to be my biggest accomplishment. It’s not yet, but it’s happening.

US: Where do you hope to see yourself in 10 years?

TB: At USU. Just kidding. I want to have a career doing something that doesn’t feel like work. That’s kind of everybody’s hope.

ZG: I want to teach. That’s it. Living in a tiny house or something.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Looking back at the Aggies

A rundown of Utah State's tournament history

► **By Kalen Taylor**
staff writer

Utah State and basketball have been synonymous since the first men's basketball club was formed in 1904.

Since then, the Aggies have made 20 appearances in the NCAA Tournament, college basketball's biggest stage.

Of the 20 times USU has been invited to the tournament, the Aggies have totaled six wins and 22 losses, with their deepest run being to the Elite Eight two times — the first in 1939 and second in 1970. Additionally, the Aggies made it to the Sweet Sixteen in 1962.

The earliest invite to the NCAA Tournament in USU history was 1939, which was the first ever NCAA Tournament. The Aggies returned to Logan winners of the regional third-place game.

The winningest tournament team belonged to the 1970 Aggies. They put on a show in College Park, Maryland with a first round win over UTEP and beat Santa Clara in round two before suffering a lopsided 101-79 loss to eventual national champion UCLA.

The win over Santa Clara was USU's fifth all-time tournament win, with the Aggies' only other tournament win coming against No.5 seeded Ohio state 77-68 in overtime in 2001.

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- **Utah State has six NCAA tournament wins in its history.**
- **The last NCAA tournament win was in 2001.**

The most recent time the Aggies have participated in March Madness was 2011, the sixth-straight NCAA Tournament in which USU failed to win a game.

All of these games have been close, however, with USU losing three of the six games by fewer than five points.

USU has also received invites to the National Invitational Tournament and the CollegeInsider.com Tournament, with records of

2-9 in the NIT in nine total appearances and 4-1 in the CIT in one appearance.

In 1960, the first time USU was invited to the NIT, the Aggies won in the first round, lost in the second round and won the third-place game. In their next eight appearances, the Aggies suffered a first round defeat — the latest 2008 where USU lost to Illinois State 57-61.

USU's most recent postseason tournament appearance came in 2012 in the CIT.

The CIT is one of college basketball's newest tournaments, with 2009 being its inaugural season.

USU was selected to host the tournament and the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum played host for all of USU's five games. USU fed off the home crowd and came away with victories in each of the first four rounds. However, the Aggies struggled in the championship game, suffering a 70-67 defeat to the Mercer Bears.

In 110 years of basketball history at USU, the Aggies have amassed a 12-32 record in 30 total tournament appearances. They have two third-place finishes and one second-place finish but have never won an invitational tournament.

USU will have a tall order to fill this coming season with five seniors graduating and four other players choosing to part ways with the team.

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FORMER AGGIE TAI WESLEY dribbles during a game against Long Beach State in 2010. USU went 30-4 that season, but lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.



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USU HEAD COACH STEW MORRILL makes mid-game adjustments against Boise State on Feb. 8 in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. Morrill has been USU's coach for 16 years.

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FOOTBALL

Aggies near conclusion of spring ball

► **By Jeffrey Dahdah**
assistant sports editor

The Utah State football team is entering its final week of spring football. The team held its final public scrimmage on April 4, about a week before the spring game.

Five plays into the scrimmage, the offense showed some trickery. Junior receiver Bruce Natson took the ball to the sideline and launched a long touchdown pass. On the receiving end of the pass was junior receiver Brandon Swindall. Swindall proved to be a bright spot for the first-team offense as he pulled down multiple passes throughout the scrimmage.

“He’s played a lot in the last two years, and it’s time for him to step up and be that guy,” said head coach Matt Wells about Swindall. “As a receiver, we’ve talked to him a lot in the last couple of days about just playing at a high level very consistently.”

Swindall’s performance was noticed by his quarterback as well.

“He’s done a really nice job,” said sophomore quarterback Darell Garretson. “I think he’s really jumped out as being a guy I go to. He’s done really well, too.”

That was the only touchdown of the scrimmage for the first-team offense, though they did execute the two-minute drill well, driving down the field and converting on field goal.

“They did a nice job and executed the two-minute drill at the end, so that was really good to see,” Wells said.

“They protected and threw the ball well and caught the ball well. Again, I thought there were some bright spots on offense.”

With Kevin Whimpey being the only returning starter on the offensive line, most of the positions on the line are being competed for.

“The centers, Joe (Summers) and Austin (Stephens), have had their moments of really good, looks-like-college centers, and sometimes they look like junior high centers,” Wells said. “I’m proud of the two guards. I think Taani (Fisilau) and Bill Vavau continue to make good strides. Jake Simonich had a really good week of practice. Kevin (Whimpey) continues to be a good leader. I’m happy with those guys. We’re going to be alright up front.”

The defense also impressed in the scrimmage. The secondary came together and made things difficult for the passing game. Wells gave much of the credit to to sophomore transfer corner Daniel Gray and senior corner Rashard Stewart. He also gave credit to a newcomer in the secondary.

“Devin Centers has played very well. I’m proud of Devin. He’s played everything from corner to safety to nickel to dime,” Wells said. “So Devin has done a nice job. He’ll play next year.”

The first-team defense held the first-team offense scoreless in the red-zone drill, with junior linebacker Kyler Fackrell recording a sack on third down.

Freshman wide receiver



Kylee Larsen photo

FRESHMAN SAFETY MYRON TURNER defends a pass intended for senior tight end Jefferson Court in a spring football scrimmage at Romney Stadium in March.

Damoun Patterson had an impressive performance. He saw playing time in the second- and third-team offense.

He caught a handful of passes, including two touchdowns.

“I’m proud of the way that our players for the way that

they practice against each other,” Wells said. “We know how to compete. We know how to go hard, and it’ll make

us a better team.”

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Marcel Davis to leave team

► Staff Report

Marcel Davis’ father, Rodney Davis, announced last week that his son will leave the Utah State men’s basketball team after this semester. He initially made the announcement on USUfans.com and later confirmed it to the Salt Lake Tribune.

“Marcel just felt because he will be graduating a year early he wanted to start medical school as soon as possible and unfortunately USU wasn’t an option,” Rodney Davis wrote on the website. “We would like to thank their coaching staff

for the opportunity that they gave Marcel.”

Marcel Davis is the fourth player to leave since the end of the season. He joins Kyle Davis, Jordan Stone and Danny Berger in transferring. In addition five seniors — Sean Harris, Tenale Roland, Jarred Shaw, Spencer Butterfield and Preston Medlin — are graduating.

Davis averaged 15 minutes per game and 2.2 points per game and 2.6 assists. Jalen Moore is the only remaining Aggie who averaged more than 10 minutes per game last season.



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Dogs top 'Cats

► **By Curtis Lundstrom**
sports editor

It's a dog eat cat world in Texas. Capping off an improbable NCAA tournament run, the University of Connecticut Huskies defeated the Kentucky Wildcats 60-54 Monday in Arlington, Texas. "I said it in the beginning, 18 months ago. The last will be first," said UConn head coach Kevin Ollie. "We were last, and now we're first."

Led by the frontcourt tandem of Shabazz Napier and Ryan Boatwright, the Huskies raced to a 30-15 first half lead and held on down the stretch against a young Wildcat squad which started five freshmen.

Napier, who finished with 22 points, six rebounds and three assists, was named Final Four Most Outstanding player. Ollie became the first head coach since 1989 to win a national title within his first two seasons, joining Michigan's Steve Fisher.

UConn hit all 10 of its free throws in the game, compared to 13-of-24 for the Wildcats.

The No. 7-seeded Huskies defeated No. 10 Saint Joseph's in the round of 64, knocked off No. 2 Villanova to advance to the Sweet 16, downed No. 3 Iowa State for a spot in the Elite 8, then No. 4 Michigan State for a trip to the Final 4.

UConn then knocked off No. 1-overall seed Florida to earn a date with No. 8 Kentucky in the title game.

With less than two minutes to play, the Huskies led by six and had possession. With the shot clock winding down, UConn



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CONNECTICUT COACH KEVIN OLLIE points to a player on the bench in the first half as the Kentucky Wildcats faced the Connecticut Huskies in Arlington, Texas in the NCAA championship.

got off a shot and then crashed the boards for an offensive rebound to force Kentucky to play the foul game.

But the veteran Huskies were up to the challenge, hitting two free throws with 25 seconds left to ice the game and give the Huskies their fourth national championship and

third in the last 10 years.

The Huskies finished the season 32-8 overall and became the first No. 7 seed to win the national title since the NCAA went to a 64/68 team format.

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The best basketball game you won't watch, but should

Zero losses, 76 wins. That is the combined record of the two teams playing in Tuesday's NCAA women's basketball national championship game. Connecticut has gone unblemished through 39 games and Notre Dame through 37. It's a championship of titans — and it will have less viewership than your average second-round match-up in the men's NCAA Tournament.

Let's think about this. If there were two undefeated teams playing in the men's basketball championship, there would be no break to the pregame analysis on TV. Well, maybe one break: LeBron has to have breakfast at some time, warranting full coverage.

Don't get me wrong, I am definitely guilty of not following women's basketball. I'll admit; I haven't watched a women's basketball game this season that didn't include Utah State. But I do regret that. The level of competition keeps getting better.

UConn has had one of the more dominant stretches for any sports team ever. The Huskies have won half of the championships in the last 12 years and have been to nine Final Fours in that span.

Notre Dame has been to four-straight Final Fours, and this is its third championship game in the last four years.

These two teams were in the same conference last season and played each other four times. Notre Dame beat UConn twice in the regular season and in the ACC championship. However, UConn beat Notre Dame in the Final Four en route to the NCAA championship.

These two teams are in the top-ten in scoring. Notre Dame is No. 2 in the nation in scoring with 86.8 points per game. UConn is No. 1 in the nation with points against per game with 47.2.

Great story line, right? A lot of things to be excited about, right? So why aren't more people sweating it out in anticipation? After all, one team will go to bed on Tuesday undefeated and the other will have one loss on the season, in the

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The Cardinal Rule

► **Jeffrey Dahdah**

"UConn and Notre Dame have been on a crash course toward each other, with little crashing..."

most vital game.

Maybe people are jaded to the greatness of UConn and Notre Dame. Maybe greatness is boring — after all, it kind of is. Where is the excitement in the same teams dominating? Looking at the men's bracket: Who knew UConn or Kentucky would be in the championship?

In women's basketball, there is less room for Cinderella. There are no Dayton's in the Elite Eight or Butler's in the Final Four.

The closest thing to a Cinderella story in this year's women's tournament was Brigham Young in the Sweet Sixteen. Gag. The Final Four consisted of perennial powers this year, UConn, Notre Dame, Maryland and Stanford. There isn't a whole lot of room for upsets.

UConn and Notre Dame have been on a crash course toward each other, with little crashing at that. So it does get boring, yes.

However, the bigger issue is that in this day and age, people simply don't care that much about women's sports. After all, did anyone know that the U.S. women's national soccer team fired their coach this weekend, or for that matter, even know his name? It's

Tom Sermanni. The issue even happened on the stage of the pinnacle of women's sports, international soccer, and it was hardly publicized.

That needs to change. I need to change that within myself, too. So I'm going to start on Tuesday, and I encourage everyone else to do the same.

I'm going to watch the championship game; not because I feel obligated to, but because I want to see two titans of the sport duke it out on the biggest stage. If only I could be in Nashville for the game.

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Don't cheat yourself out of a complete education

It was the fall of my sophomore year when the devastating moment came. I had worked so hard to avoid it; I had wept at the prospect of its inevitable arrival. My stomach churned with anxiety as I finally sat down to face it at the stroke of midnight on Nov. 15, 2011. I logged onto Banner — and signed up for my first college math class.

Through my high school and early college years, math and I had enjoyed a relationship that could be described as occupying the chilly sector of the friendzone. I could understand the concepts well enough, but that mattered little, because I had effectively convinced myself that math was irrelevant. I had talked myself out of even caring about math, so by the time I got into college I was quite content to settle into a social sciences program that



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worthy pursuits. Those skills serve an integral function in making sense of the world; in explaining why it operates the way it does and in enabling people to do something to improve it. I'm biased in favor of my field, as we all are, but I really haven't got a single regret about

wouldn't require a whit of math for the next four years.

To be sure, the intense critical thinking and analytic writing skills I focused on developing in my political science classes were

the outstanding liberal arts education I've received in political science.

Why, then, did I willfully throw myself into the quantitative lions' den during my sophomore year? It was because I'd realized, at some point in those early semesters, that math did matter. More broadly stated, quantitative literacy mattered. I realized even as much as I was enjoying my liberal arts classes — and even as valuable as they were — they were only one part of the story. I made a decision at that point that I didn't want to graduate from college without having gained as well-rounded and holistic an education as I could get.

I didn't regret my sophomore decision to leap the cross-disciplinary fence; in fact, I found such relevance and utility in that first math class that I followed it in subsequent semesters with three statistics classes and quantitative projects and study beyond the classroom. Grudging duty gradually blossomed

into a sincere appreciation for the complementary expansion of knowledge that quantitative analysis lent to my primarily qualitative studies.

The bottom line from my experience was that it was worth getting a well-rounded education, even if it meant stepping out of my comfort zone, reconditioning my attitude or jeopardizing my grades.

This column isn't directed just to liberal arts students. In fact, there's an equally glaring deficit of well-roundedness in quantitatively-oriented fields, because many science and engineering students have convinced themselves writing and qualitative analysis are simply irrelevant for them. Not so. While there is good reason for students to specialize in their chosen fields of study, be it civil engineering or sociology, the most powerful force to be reckoned with is a

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“You don't need to have flawless mastery of an “opposite” field in order to experience the positive returns that come with developing cross-disciplinary dexterity.”

Horoscope love forecast: April 8

► **By Jennifer Shepherd**
The Lipstick Mystic (MCT)

Aries: March 21-April 19

You'll want to let it all hang out this week. Communicator Mercury is urging you to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. It could be time to make a romantic confession to somebody. If you're in love, admit it.

Taurus: April 20-May 20

A spunky moon is putting you in a weird mood. You'll challenge your honey to prove his love to you. Or you'll give your girlfriend an ultimatum and tell her she has to stop hanging out with her ex-boyfriend.

Gemini: May 21-June 21

A delicate issue could suddenly rise to the surface in your relationship. Venus is telling you to just deal with it. If you need to have “the talk” with your sweetheart, don't put it off any longer. It will only make things worse.

Cancer: June 22-July 22

If your energy is low, blame it on Mars. This isn't the best time to complain to your boyfriend about how he doesn't appreciate you or to tell your girlfriend that you think those jeans make her look fat. Avoid getting into trouble.

Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

You need to deal with “real

life” stuff. Saturn is reminding you to pay your taxes, balance your checkbook, and keep working hard to save a little money. You'd probably rather just hang out with your honey, though.

Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Romance feels weird as Venus makes it harder for you to believe in all that “true love” stuff. If you're single, you're seeing your friends fight with their partners. If you're with someone, you're the one getting into fights. Chill out.

Libra: Sept. 23-Oct. 23

A bouncy moon is making you flirt your socks off. Each time you meet someone, you'll smile and make sexy comments. Just remember: not everybody you encounter will be single, and not everybody is in the mood to play with you, either.

Scorpio: Oct. 24-Nov. 2

Venus is helping you connect on a deeper lever with your romantic partner. If you're single, the love planet will bring along sparks with somebody new. Communicate in that warm, sensual way that Scorpions are famous for.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Mercury is stirring up your need to spend intimate, quality time with a special someone. If you're single, you'll go through your Contacts list to locate potential prospects. If you're dat-

ing somebody, you'll want to schedule a series of hot dates.

Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan.19

You're still trying to figure out what you want to be when you grow up. Jupiter has been putting you in a “What if?” mood for a while. Don't let it spoil your relationship. You don't have to have every single thing planned in order to be happy with your honey right now.

Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

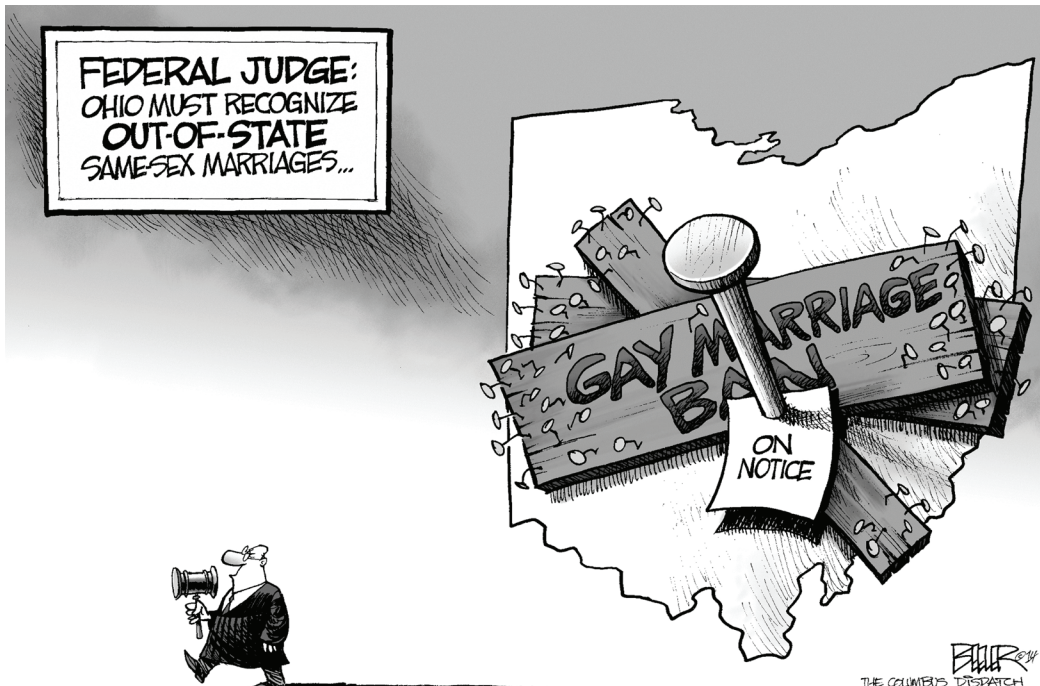
A friend might be interested in becoming something more, but you need to be careful before jumping into bed with him or her. The moon is putting you in a “How can it hurt?” frame of mind. But the truth is, a casual fling really could hurt this person.

Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

With the moon opposite your sign, you're thinking about the one who got away. It doesn't matter if you dated this person for five days or five years; the truth is, you're still a little haunted by this guy or girl. Decide what you intend to do about it.

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Ticket goals and quotas aren't effective at raising public safety



Andy Pierucci

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Politics**

It is popular belief that law enforcement officials write more tickets toward the end of the month. This may not be true in every community, but it is clearly a reality in many communities across the country, including here in Cache Valley. Some believe ticket quotas are the reason for end of the month ticket spikes. Ticket quotas don't increase public safety: They just fatten city and county coffers.

In 2006, State Rep. Neil Hansen, D-Ogden, tried to pass a bill outlawing ticket quotas or goals in the state of Utah. His bill passed the House but was defeated in the Senate. Nine states, including Montana, Texas and Florida, have laws prohibiting law enforcement from setting ticket quotas. Utah should be number ten.

On Monday evening I attended a meet and greet event with Chad Jensen, a candidate for Cache County sheriff, at The Italian Place in Logan. At the event, the topic of ticket quotas came up. Jensen said the Cache County Sheriff's Department does not have ticket quotas, but ticket goals. Deputies are evaluated every year on a wide variety of items. One section of the performance evaluation is the number of tickets written each year. Jensen made it clear that it is not the most important section of the evaluation process, but is just in place to ensure deputies are actually working when they are on duty.

Ticket quotas are counterproductive to law enforcement. Police officers already understand the value of conducting traffic stops. The more stops they make, the more likely they are to arrest felons and confiscate drugs and illegal weapons. They don't need a quota to encourage them to enforce the law.

I invite everyone who opposes ticket quotas to contact their city, county and state leaders. Make your voice heard. Our communities deserve law enforcement that is focused on public safety, not law enforcement dictated by arbitrary

Andy Pierucci

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quotas. Our police officers and sheriff deputies deserve to be trusted to do their jobs without these asinine goals. If we trust law enforcement officials to carry firearms and protect our communities, then why can't we trust them to enforce traffic regulations without ticket goals? Our city, county and state statutes should be reflective of the trust we place in the hands of those who serve our communities.

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The CIA's moral black hole

► **The Baltimore Sun**
(MCT)

The following editorial appeared in the Baltimore Sun on Friday, April 4:

The Senate Intelligence Committee voted Thursday to declassify parts of its report on the CIA's use of “enhanced interrogation techniques” to extract information from terrorist detainees, but parts of the work that have been leaked appear to confirm Americans' worst fears about the secret program. Committee investigators found that the brutal treatment of prisoners was

far more widespread than the agency has acknowledged and that CIA officials deliberately misled Congress about the effectiveness of methods that brought shame on the nation and amounted to little more than torture by another name.

Indeed, the greatest irony of the interrogation program was precisely that it failed to uncover the kind of useful intelligence in the war on terror that the agency claimed as its main reason for being. In fact, Senate investigators couldn't find a single instance in which information gained through torture led to the capture or killing of high-ranking terrorist

operatives or helped thwart a major attack on the American homeland by al-Qaida and its affiliates. On the contrary, whatever useful intelligence the agency did glean from the suspects it captured was obtained by more traditional means before they were ever tortured — and ceased as soon as they were.

The Senate committee investigators also charged that to cover up the fact that the interrogation program wasn't working as advertised, CIA officials repeatedly lied to Congress about the real sources of their information. In one case, for

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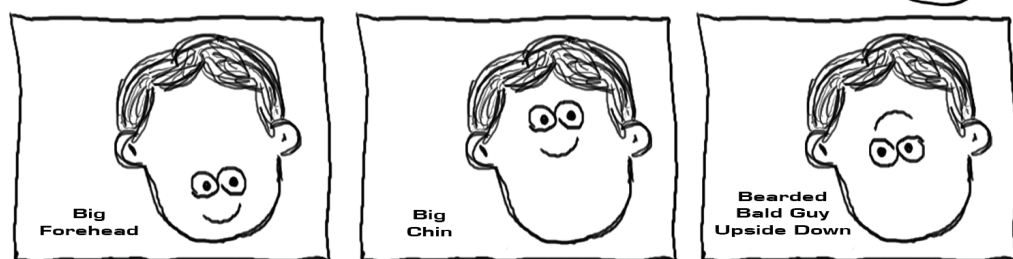
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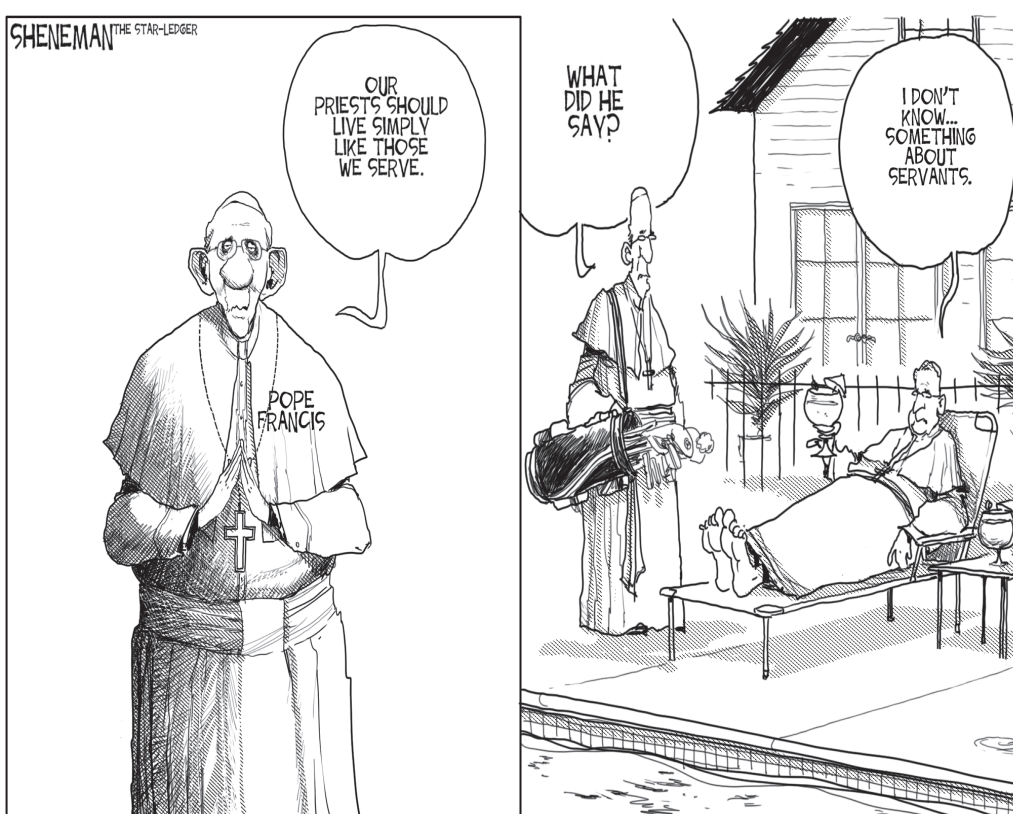
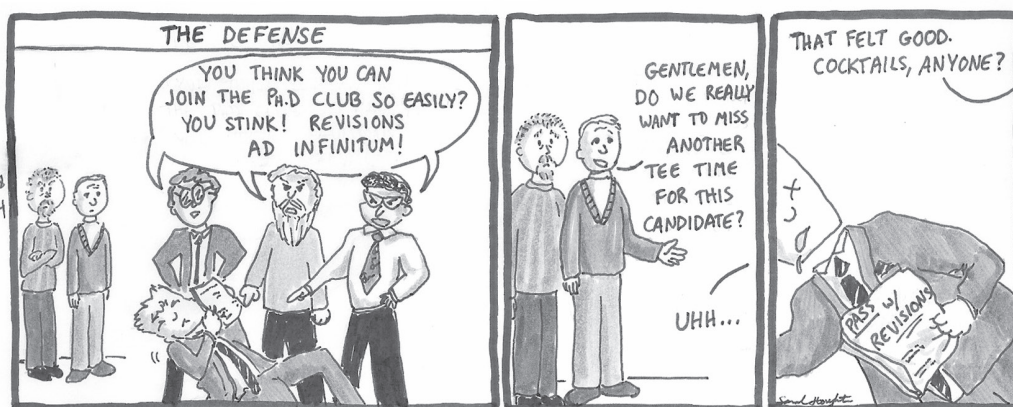


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example, the agency went so far as to take credit for intelligence that was actually generated by an FBI agent who interviewed the suspect before the CIA started torturing him. Even so, CIA officials later reported that the U.S. couldn't have gotten such useful information had it not been for its secret interrogation program.

That the agency continued to torture detainees long after it became evident that no useful information was forthcoming _ and despite it being plainly immoral and a violation of international law _ raises questions about its true purpose and the motives of those who ordered it and carried it out. That's bad enough, but what was worse was that, as a result, the agency put itself in a position that forced it to routinely inflate the significance of the alleged terrorist plots it claimed to have thwarted as well as the importance of enemy combatants captured on the battlefield. It's hard not to conclude that the agency's resistance to ending the program or to holding anyone accountable for its abuses was based more on a desire to save its own skin rather than to serve the country.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the Intelligence Committee chairwoman, is leading the effort to release the 480-page executive summary of her committee's report, which runs some 6,300 pages in total. It now goes to President Obama for review and possible redaction. Obama entered office in 2009 on a pledge to rein in the CIA's use of torture, and we urge him promptly to make public the evidence of this most shameful episode in our history. It's necessary not only to galvanize Congress and the White House to greater oversight of intelligence community operations but also because the American people deserve to know the grisly details of the crimes committed in their name so that they will never be allowed to happen again.

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- The Soldier and the State: U.S. Civil-Military Relations, 10-1 p.m., Eccles Conference Center
- Qualtrics Training I: Fundamentals, 9-10 a.m., Merrill-Cazier Library 154
- Water Fair, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., TSC Patio
- Inclusive Excellence Poster session, 1-3 p.m., Merrill-Cazier Library South Atrium
- Movie "Tapped", 4:30 p.m., TSC Auditorium
- The Bash for Better Body Image Party, 6-8 p.m., Lundstrom Student Living Center

Wednesday, April 9

- Produce Stand, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., TSC Patio
- Movie screening "Scaling Wind", 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., TSC Auditorium
- Men's tennis vs. Nevada, 12-2 p.m.
- Big Band Jazz, 7:30 p.m., Performance Hall
- Financial Planning for Women, 7-8:30 p.m., Family Life Center

Thursday, April 10

- Poetry at Three, 7 p.m., Logan City Library (255 North Main)
- The Engaged Leader Workshop, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eccles Conference Center 205-207
- Reduce your "Waste" Size, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., TSC Patio
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